PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING AND PREFILE TESTIMONY DEADLINES

DOCKET NO. 1996-53-C

Application of Windstream Communications, Incorporated (f/k/a Alltel Communications, Incorporated; Alltel Long Distance, Incorporated) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate as a Reseller of Intrastate Telecommunications Services, and to Provide Operator Assisted Telcom Services

Windstream Communications, Incorporated (f/k/a Alltel Communications, Incorporated; Alltel Long Distance, Incorporated) ("Company") has filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission"), pursuant to S.C. Code Section 58-9-585, Notice that the Company intends to operate on an alternative basis, effective March 1, 2020, and is withdrawing its local services tariff, and its interexchange services tariff (South Carolina No. 1) currently on file with the Commission. The Application states that the Company's current customers are provided service via individually negotiated contracts, and any new customers will likewise be serviced via contract.

If the Application or Petition in this case contains a request for adjustment of rates, the rates are subject to potential modification by the Commission during the course of this case.

A copy of the Company's Application can be found on the Commission's website at www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 1996-53-C. Additionally, a copy of the Application is available from the Company's representative Lori Wheeler, Tariff Analyst, Corporate Legal, Windstream Communications, 4001 N. Rodney Parham Road, Little Rock, Arkansas 72212.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before March 16, 2020, by filing the Petition to Intervene with the Commission, by providing a copy to the Office of Regulatory Staff and by providing a copy to all parties of record. For the receipt of future Commission correspondence, please include an email address in the Petition to Intervene. *Please refer to Docket No. 1996-53-C and mail a copy to all other parties in this docket.* Any person who seeks to intervene and who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing, if scheduled, should notify, in writing, the Commission; the Office of Regulatory Staff at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, South Carolina 29201; and the Company at the above address, on or before March 16, 2020. *Please refer to Docket No. 1996-53-C.*

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing, pursuant to 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817, on the above matter has been scheduled to begin at the conclusion of the Commission Meeting, (which begins at 2:00 p.m.), on Wednesday, April 08, 2020, before the Commission in the Commission's Hearing Room at 101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100, Saluda Building, Columbia, South Carolina 29210 for the purpose of receiving testimony and evidence from all interested parties.

INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD (Applicant, Petitioners, and Intervenors only):

All Parties of Record must prefile testimony with the Commission and with all Parties of Record. Prefiled Testimony Deadlines: Applicant's Direct Testimony Due: 3/17/2020; Other Parties of Record Direct Testimony Due: 3/31/2020; Applicant's Rebuttal Testimony Due: 4/3/2020; and Other Parties of Record Surrebuttal Testimony Due: 4/6/2020. All prefiled testimony deadlines are subject to the information as posted on www.psc.sc.gov under Docket No. 1996-53-C.

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For the most recent information regarding this docket, including changes in scheduled dates included in this Notice, please refer to www.psc.sc.gov and *Docket No. 1996-53-C*.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 896-5100 or visit its website at www.psc.sc.gov.

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